

THE WONDER OF WONDERS

Giving an Account of Two Old Men, lately and strangely known to be in the City of *Rome* in *Italy*; and how they came Invifibly thither.

Together with their Ten Strange and Wonderful PROPHESES.

Which particularly do mention what shall happen Yearly.

Shewing also, How they break strong Iron Chains in pieces, as if they were *Brown Thread*.

With many more strange Wonders, never was the like ever heard of before.

As naming the Year when there shall be no *Pope*, and *Rome* shall have no Head; and the Gospel shall be Preached throughout the World.



IT is not unknown to most who are pleased to take Cognifance of Wonders and strange Miracles, which this present Age doth frequently represent: That of late Years we have been exceedingly astonished at several (to us strange and seldom heard of) much to be admired Wonders; But now prepare your Ears to hear the most amazing and most unparalleled Miracle that ever *England* was made sensible of, or I think the whole World was ever made acquainted with; nay, so wonderfully strange, and seemingly impossible to be True, that though it be attested with manifold Assertions, it cannot lodge in the breast of the (too much) incredulous, as an unquestionable verity: But to proceed to the matter intended, and not too much to derogate from my designed business, let this inform the most doubtful and unbelieving Reader, That there is lately an account sent from *Italy*, of the strange manner of the coming of two Men in the City of *Rome*, eminently known by many Travellers, to be one of the Cities not least accounted of in *Italy*; these Persons of such an Age (as they say they are) are no less to be admired for their great Age, then for their strange kind of Prophecies, which they daily part with; and their manner of coming into the City, which we are informed was invisible; but to come to particulars; These Persons do affirm, That their Age is greater then that of *Methuselah*, for they do say they are above a Thousand Years Old each Man; they do pretend to be Apostles of Jesus Christ, and say that they have the Spirit of Truth in them, with many other Assertions, no less full of Wonder then what you have already heard of in the preceding lines: Their manner of Apparel is no less to be admired then their manner of Discourse, for such Habit as we are informed they do wear, was never seen by mortal eye; their Deportment is also very strange, for they walk up and down the City, Preaching and Admonishing to Serious Repentance, and giving admirable Advice to the People to forsake their Iniquities, and turn from their evil ways, for, say they, *The Wrath of God is kindled against the Romans*. They add also, That the City of *Rome* is a second *Sodom*, and that the Transgressions of the people have ascended to the Heavens, and approached to the Ears of the Almighty, and that nothing can preserve them from approaching Misery, but speedy and unfeigned Repentance, without which, they do assert, that in three Years the City shall be utterly destroyed and Consumed by Fire. By our last advice we are informed, that these Men had continued there for the space of eight days, Preaching about the City; their custom is to go bare-headed and bare-footed with joynd hands, strange to behold. The Magistrates being offended at their Doctrine, have forbidden them to Preach, but they took no more notice thereof, then to return this answer, *That they were sent from God to move the people to Repentance, and to abandon those Iniquities, which if not deserted, would doubtless pull down Vengeance upon them in a short time*. After this, Order was given for their Confinement, which being performed, they were frequently visited by several *Jesuits*, who discoursed with them in several Tongues, namely, the *Latine*, *Hebrew*, and the *Chaldean*, wherein they were exquisitely perfect. They also acknowledge, that

they know well such as live loose and wicked Lives: They are not over-curious in their Dyet, for their greatest Delicate and general Food is nothing but dry Bread; and their strongest Drink is Water. They Prophecise of many strange things, as in the time wherein the Lord shall come: Being asked by some of the amazed people, (whose astonishments were as great as their answers strange) How long it would be before the great Day of Judgement? Their Reply was absolute, and that about the Year 1699 should certainly be the end of this Wicked World: Their strange and unknown coming into that City was much admired by all: At last they were Examined by the Magistrates from whence they came, they answered, That they came from a place called *Galadim* in *Damas*, a City of *Gallilee*; and are the Messengers of the Almighty, sent to Preach Repentance to the Sinful World; But the *Jesuits* not at all pleased with their Doctrine or Discourse, have prevalently perswaded their Magistrates to condescend to what they so earnestly requested, which is, That these Persons on whom we know not what Title justly to bestow, should by all means be conveyed to the *Pope*, there to be Examined by his Holiness: But they make little account of what is ordered, saying, That they are very well acquainted with what shall be their Portion, and what shall become of them; and that they looked upon it altogether unnecessary to so loaded with Chains; but did acknowledge that they were very desirous to see the *Pope*; and so without any difficulty, and with great ease, breaking the Chains all to pieces, they filled the Spectators with astonishment, as the Report of these Wonders will certainly fill with amazement, all those to whom this matter shall be communicated: but besides all this, they Prophecise what Transactions shall happen Yearly, which I mean to particularize as followeth.

They PROPHESE, That

- In 1683, Great Changes you will hear of and see.
- In 1684, shall be Wars over all the World.
- In 1685, *Rome* shall begin to Fall, and *England* shall begin to thrive.
- In 1686, shall be no *Pope*, and *Rome* shall have no Head.
- In 1687, a Great Man shall rise.
- In 1688, the Gospel shall be Preached throughout the World.
- In 1689, shall Jesus Christ be known to all Man-kind.
- In 1690, a great Earth-quake shall happen.
- In 1691, will be the time when the Jews will be call'd.
- In 1692, The *TURK* shall turn Christian.

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